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heard from employees of the State Geological Commission that, originally, it was intended to open a gold mine in Huettenrode. The details of the way in which iron ore was discovered there are unknown to source. However, he believes that, because the centers of German heavy industry are now located in the Western zones, East Germany intends to build up independent industrial centers of their own. Further, to operate these industries independently raw materials are needed. Therefore, since 1952, East Germany has systematically explored the entire Harz Mountain area and Thuringia for ores and other materials. An unknown type of geo-electrical equipment has been used for this exploration which is not yet completed. East Germany particularly needs iron, copper, and oil; and, because of Soviet pressure, every effort has been made to find uranium deposits.

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2. Iron ore deposits in the Huettenrode area were found about 18 m under the surface of the earth (see page 2 for pinpoint location of these mines). The iron content is approximately 45 per cent. About 700 workers are employed in the area and work in three shifts. Their monthly wage is approximately 500 East Marks.
3. Although source has no information on the production of the mines, he knows that the ore was transported by rail to Hettstedt (N 51-39, E 11-30).
4. These mines belongs to VEB Eisenerzbergwerk Braunesumpf (no coordinates available).

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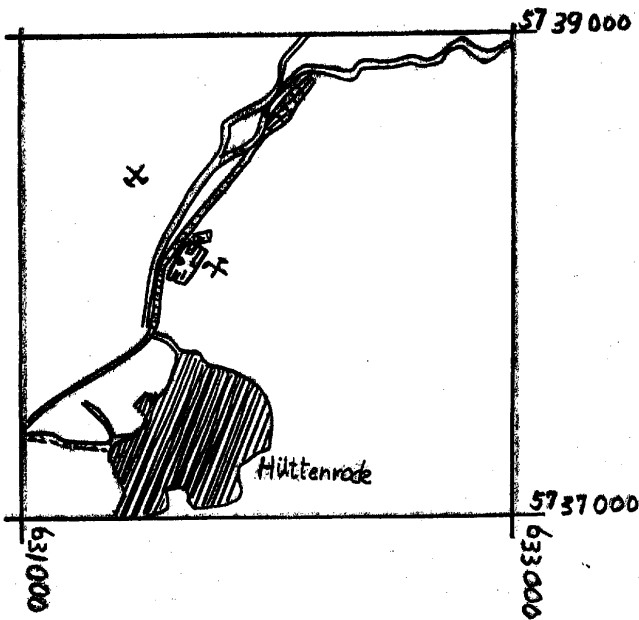
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Pinpoint location of iron ore mines
near Huettendorf,

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